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REMARKS

Claim rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103 (a)

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Claims 1-3, 7-9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. (a) as being anticipated by Song (US 6,091,289) in view of Yazdy (US 4,924,115).

Response:

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Claim 1 is amended to include all limitations of claim 5 and claim 6 is amended to include all limitations of claim 1, such combinations being found allowable by the examiner.

15 Allowable subject matter

Claims 5-6 and 10-11 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

20 Response:

Because claim 5 is indicated by the examiner as being allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the base claim, all limitations of claim 5 have been added to currently amended claim 1.

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Claim 6 was similarly found allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the base claim. Thus, all limitations of claim 1 have been added to currently amended claim 6. Claims 8, 9 and 12 have been amended to be dependent on currently amended claim 6, rather than cancelled claim 7.

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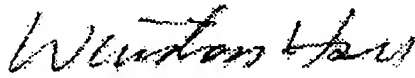
Claims 7, 10, 11 are cancelled only to avoid unnecessary redundancy with amended claims 1 and 6.

5 Additionally, new claim 13 is added. Claim 13 includes the limitation from the previous version of claim 1 that the first and second transistor are operated in saturation mode. Since this limitation is unessential, and regarding the examiner's stated reasons for allowance, the applicant asserts that its removal from claim 1 should not affect the allowability of claims 1 and 6.

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As all dependent claims are now dependent on claims 1 and 6, and as currently amended claims 1 and 6 include limitations indicated by the examiner as being allowable, applicant hereby requests allowance of the application.

15 Sincerely yours,



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